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MDOC STAFF FUND RAISING APPROACHES \$75,000

When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast leaving residents of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama homeless and without basic supplies, MDOC staff took action. A department-wide casual day raised an unprecedented \$72,015 for corrections employees and their families in the hardest hit areas.

Staff from the Earnest C. Brooks and West Shoreline correctional facilities responded to Director Caruso's plea, by raising more than \$4,500 for the NAAWS Hurricane Relief Efforts. Staff from the two facilities participated in dress-down days, enjoyed a hot dog roast provided by the Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility Employee Club, pancake breakfasts and a silent auction.

The winner of the drawing, C/O Melissa Denson, contributed her winnings to the effort, as well. The hurricane took on a personal meaning for C/O Denson. Her cousin was living in New Orleans when Katrina struck, and was missing for several weeks. She was just recently found, safe and healthy. In addition to the money donated to the NAAWS relief effort, staff from West Shoreline and Brooks also contributed more than \$11,000 in money, food, and emergency relief supplies to victims of Katrina.



Employees at the Jackson area facilities raised over \$2,213 in just 10 hours. RUM Linda Skoog, Parnall Correctional Facility, presents Capt. George Gibbons from the Salvation Army with a check for the proceeds.

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Along with the department-wide collection, individual locations were creative in their fund-raising events which ranged from dunk tanks to selling painted pumpkins. Here is a listing of a few of the events as well as some of the personal outreaches by staff. This is by no means an all-inclusive list.

Ryan Correctional Facility:

Lt. Wright Wade assisted his church, Greater Grace Temple, with collecting food, money and clothing and with loading three semi-trucks with the supplies. These items were delivered to Mobile, Alabama. CTO Falicia Peterson donated a two bedroom flat to an evacuated family. The Ryan employee club will be hosting a fund raiser to furnish the apartment.



Coldwater Complex: When the Lakeland Correctional Facility gardening project produced an abundant crop of pumpkins, some creative staff got together and found an inventive way to help the hurricane victims. After prisoner volunteers painted the pumpkins, a booth was set up at a local Apple Fest earning more than \$300. In addition staff held candy sales, a silent auction, a bake sale, a pie throwing contest, a cookout, a popcorn project and a chili-soup-stew cook off raising a total of \$4,000 for the effort.

Newberry Correctional Facility and Camp Manistique:

Craig Carruthers, maintenance, owns some rental cabins and adopted a family (husband, wife, young son) who lost everything. Their house was almost completely under water and they are now are living in one of the cabins. The mother, who is about to give birth at any time, was only able to bring with her a small bag of essentials for the new baby. The husband was recently hired by Precision Edge in Sault Ste. Marie. Jan Maskus, business office, is spending time with the Luce County animal control rescuing and caring for animals at one of the animal shelters there. Tamie LaFond, ARUS, is helping with rebuilding efforts in the Gulf area. C/Os Christine Heilman and Amy Int-Hout have collected items and money to donate to an animal shelter in Grayling, which is receiving some animals from the affected areas.

Standish Maximum Correctional Facility: Staff held a brat fry to raise funds and sent a truckload of needed items (clothing, coolers, diapers,) in conjunction with the Saginaw Correctional Facility.

Saginaw Correctional Facility: Employees accepted donations to be sent directly to Louisiana via a semi donated by a local business. SRF staff collected coolers, tents, cases of water, new and like-new clothing and shoes, diapers, blankets, linens, paper products, pet supplies, candles, handheld can openers and educational toys filling a flat bed truck and a full-size pickup truck with boxes of goods. They also raised an additional \$1,483 in cash from a golf outing and casual days for the American Red Cross. Standish Maximum, Southern Michigan, G. Robert Cotton, Lakeland, Florence Crane, Parr Highway, Gus Harrison, Parnall, Robert Scott and the Macomb correctional facilities along with Huron Valley Complex, Men and Women, Special Alternative Incarceration Program and the Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center all joined the effort to fill the trucks going to Louisiana.

Southern Michigan Correctional Facility: Staff raised \$1,807 for the American Red Cross in addition to the NAAWS funds.

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West Shoreline Correctional Facility and Earnest C. Brooks Correctional Facility: Staff chartered a bus and filled it with supplies. In addition a team of employees took the following items to Louisiana: A wilderness 24' trailer, wooden tables and chairs, 2,800 bottles of water, two computers, printer, fans, camera, miscellaneous supplies and gasoline for trip.

Robert Scott Correctional Facility: Staff held two fund raisers which generated a total of \$1,028. A dry good drive brought in approximately 1,200 pounds of goods to be distributed to those in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Muskegon Parole and Area Office: A \$10 Casual Week garnered 100% office participation and raised \$130.

St. Louis and Mid-Michigan correctional facilities: Employees raised a total of \$5,533 from a fish fry, silent auction craft sale, hot dog cookout, chili cook off, casual days and an executive staff parking spot auction.

Field Operations Administration Region II: The Lapeer office held a hot dog sale and raised \$200. Macomb Probation staff Lynn Heberer, Donna Jefferson, Pam Jackson, Carolyn Wilson, and Jo Ann Rottenbucher volunteered at the Comfort Inn in Mt. Clemens, where displaced Katrina victims are being housed. They spent several days assisting with the sorting of clothing and other items for the Katrina evacuees. Many boxes and bags of clothing, toiletries and other items were collected by probation staff and given to the efforts at the Comfort Inn.

Pine River Correctional Facility: Staff held several fund raisers resulting in total donations of \$1,253. The events included casual days, a pot luck, warden/deputy warden/RPA parking spot auction, gas fill-up auction and a custom-made Harley Davidson neck chain for auction. Clothing, personal hygiene items, and nonperishable food items were also donated for the cause as well. In addition, staff volunteered their time to assist with the State hot line and in setting up alternative housing for hurricane victims relocating to Michigan.

Marquette Branch Prison Staff held raffles, casual days and a cookout to raise \$2,344 in hurricane relief funds.

Parnall Correctional Facility: Terry Hull, Building Trades Supervisor, and RUM Linda Skoog planned a pig roast for the employees of the Jackson area facilities. The event included raffles and a dunk tank. Staff raised over \$2,213 in just 10 hours. Showing tremendous sportsmanship were dunk tank volunteers Wardens Harold White, Nick Ludwick, and Bruce Curtis, DW Lance Schuhmacher, ADWs Greg Skipper and Scott Schooley, Inspectors Kevin Lindsey and Anthony Stewart, Captains Ken Orr and Johnny Bobbett, Industries Supervisor Scott Pelham, Building Trades Supervisor Barry Tyrrell, Records Office Supervisor Deb Douglas, Food Service Leader Rick Johns, and Department Manager Kasey Mlujeak. Nineteen local businesses donated food, beverages, charcoal, and the dunk tank.

Thumb Correctional Facility: Staff collected \$2,252 from a bake sale, casual day, hot dog luncheon, rocking horse raffle, employee club donation and cash donations.

FOA REGION I MAKES STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER

On Saturday, October 8, more than 8,000 people participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk that was held on Belle Isle. Several employees of FOA-Region I offices, dubbed the Sole Steppers, fought the cold weather to help the American Cancer Society raise over \$625,000 to help the fight against breast cancer. FOA-Region I employees represented the Lawton Place Office, Greenfield District Probation and the Court Services Unit.



The Sole Steppers were lead by Parole Agent Adonia Barkley-Team Captain, Lawton Place. Lawton Place team members: Parole Agent Veta Allen, Parole Agent Renay Brown, Parole Agent Barbara Doty, Parole Agent Sabrina Fletcher, Parole Agent Ronald Haygood, Parole Agent Tanya Hubbard-Williams, Parole Agent Rashida McMillan, Parole Agent Shirley Melton, Secretary Karen Moore, Secretary Antoinette Neal, Secretary Colleen Pace, Parole Agent Darius Pugh, Parole Agent Linda Sharon, Parole Agent Donald Smith, Secretary Sonia Stewart-Butler, Parole Agent-Nicole Stone and FSA Isabella Wilson and from Greenfield Probation, Supervisor Ursula Williams and from Court Services, Probation Supervisor Michelle Anderson.

The Sole Steppers raised over \$1,000.

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Prison Build Program completes dock booth

The Prison Build Program just completed a new dock booth for the DNR at Port Austin. Construction Team Leader Jack Adam had a crew frame in the booth at the Saginaw Correctional Facility.

It was then transported to Port Austin for counter top assembly by trades instructor Jeff Fagan, Thumb Correctional Facility and his crew. The booth was then sent to the site for installation. Adam and Fagan, joined by Prison Build Coordinator Mike Green, then assembled, sided and installed the counters and flooring at the site itself.

The DNR has been using the booth since July 4 while the finish work was being completed.

“We have received numerous compliments on the booth and the craftsmanship from boaters,” said DNR Harbor Master Rob Hamilton.

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PUGSLEY SHARES HARVEST

Recently staff from Pugsley Correctional Facility (MPF) helped to spread some joy throughout Grand Traverse County. ARUS Cindy Follen, RUO Linus Parr and C/O Chris Baynton along with his daughter Morgan delivered potted flower arrangements and vegetables to local businesses, schools, shelters, nursing homes and hospitals from the MPF Horticulture Program.

These arrangements were grown, potted and decorated by the MPF Horticulture Program. Foil, pots, and ribbon were received from local donors. The MPF Business Education Technology Program students created cards to be placed on the potted arrangements.

ARUS Follen and C/O Baynton delivered approximately 2300 lbs. of vegetables to the following organizations: Womans Resource Center, Kingsley Food Bank, Womans Shelter, House of Hope, Kingsley Middle School and the Grand Traverse pavilion. In addition to the above organizations receiving vegetables, MPF utilized approximately 19,000 lbs of vegetables grown in the program. Other locations receiving potted flower arrangements were: Kingsley Post Office, local businesses, Kingsley Elementary School teachers and emergency room staff at Munson Hospital in Traverse City.



C/O Chris Baynton with a sample of the vegetables that were delivered.

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PAROLE BOARD TOURS FACILITIES

During the first week in October, all 10 members of the DOC Parole Board toured several facilities in conjunction with their 2005 training agenda. Among the facilities toured were the Macomb, Cooper Street and G. Robert Cotton correctional facilities and the Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center and Huron Valley Complex, Women.



Parole Board members discuss the intensive reentry program with Warden Bruce Curtis and his staff at the Cooper Street Correctional Facility.

In addition, the Parole Board also observed Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program participation at two facilities as well as a cognitive restructuring session.

The purpose of the training was for the Parole Board members to learn more about the Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative and the role of each of these facilities within the MDOC and MPRI. Members of the board also wanted to observe first hand the vital collaboration taking place between Field Operations Administration (FOA) and the Correctional Facilities Administration (CFA).

“It was gratifying to observe how the re-entry model has been, and has the potential to be, incorporated in every facet of facility and field operations,” said Parole Board Chairman John Rubitschun. “At several of these facilities we were able to hold group sessions with CFA and FOA staff which included a member of a community transition team.”

“This was a very informative and valuable endeavor which has added a depth of appreciation for CFA/FOA operations and programs,” added Rubitschun. “We all gained a vast amount of information which we expect to put to use as we make parole decisions in the future.”

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IT'S TIME TO TAKE THE CHALLENGE AND ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE

Join the Michigan Surgeon General and *Roll Up Your Sleeve to Save Lives!*
A year-long State Employee blood challenge launches November 1, 2005.

MDOC employees regularly hold blood drives to help the American Red Cross build up their supplies. This year, a state employee blood challenge is underway in an effort to increase blood donations by State employees by 20% over one year, and to cultivate lifetime blood donors.



“Corrections employees step up for every cause,” said Director Patricia L. Caruso. “We have always supported the American Red Cross blood drives and I urge everyone to consider donating if they are able.”

Chances are, you know someone whose life has been saved by a blood transfusion: an accident victim, a cancer or surgery patient, or a person battling sickle cell disease or other serious health challenge. In fact, every two to three seconds, someone needs blood.

Yet Michigan faces frequent blood shortages. While 70 percent of the population can give blood, only five percent of those eligible actually do. Vacation times and holidays see even lower numbers of blood donations. But the need for lifesaving blood never goes on vacation.

“The blood supply is of significant concern to me. It is a matter of public health as well as preparedness. The Governor has asked me to spearhead a special campaign in partnership with the state’s three major blood banks - the American Red Cross, Michigan Community Blood Centers, and the Upper Peninsula Regional Blood Center - to increase blood donation among our own employees,” said Surgeon General Kimberlydawn Wisdom.

Did you know that:

- you can give blood once every 56 days?
- just because you were once unable or ineligible to give blood doesn’t rule out your trying again?
- one blood donation saves up to three lives?

Watch for more information on the challenge and how you can help by giving blood at your work site or at community locations. Visit the Surgeon General Web site at: <http://www.michigan.gov/surgeongeneral> for upcoming blood drives, rewards and prize drawings for those who participate and to learn more about the State of Michigan Employee Blood Challenge.

If your work location is holding a blood drive, be sure to send information and photos for FYI to Gail Madziar at madziagl.@michigan.gov.

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FIELD TRAINING OFFICER PROGRAM



C/O Christiana Borst, ACF, is congratulated by Craig Czinder.



Warden Blaine Lafler left and RPA Ray Wolfe present an award to ARUS Jack Spooner, SLF (center).

Staff who served as Field Training Officers (FTO) for Officer Recruit Training Schools during the past year recently received a certificate of appreciation from the Michigan Correctional Officers' Training Council and a letter of recognition from Director Caruso, for their participation in training new officers.

"The FTO program is a way for us to enhance Officer Recruit Training by having officers and sergeants interact with new recruits and share their recent experiences and knowledge of working inside our facilities," said Craig Czinder, manager, new employee training. "In addition, this program would not exist without the generosity of the Wardens who selected and provided these excellent staff."

The training program got started

approximately 15 years ago as a way to provide additional training to recruits new to the facility. Each Field Training Officer is paired with a Lieutenant who handles new employee training. Together they are assigned to a platoon of 35-50 new recruits.

The FTO's role is to assist the Lieutenant with all aspects of taking their platoon through Officer Recruit Training. The Lt. serves as the platoon leader and teaches all the classes. The FTO assists the Lt. during classes by providing insight and experiences from their facility.

In addition, the FTO helps with recruit files, physical training and testing, drill, enforcing department and academy rules and numerous other logistical tasks.

The FTOs also serve as role models for the new recruits.

Participating Training Officers

C/O Christiana Borst and Warden Carol Howes
Florence Crane Correctional Facility

C/O Sean Clayton, RUO Sixto Orozco and Warden Kurt Jones

Carson City Correctional Facility

RUO Roy Doades, C/O Patrick Heath, Sgt. Robert Klamerus, and Warden Sue Davis

Huron Valley Complex Men

C/O Clarice Lewis and Warden Kurt Jones
Boyer Road Correctional Facility

C/O Marvin Jackson and Warden Raymond Booker
Ryan Correctional Facility

C/O Todd James and Warden Bruce Curtis

Special Alternative Incarceration Program

C/O Amy Lucas and Warden Clarice Stovall

Robert Scott Correctional Facility

C/O Kirk DeWitt, ARUS Jack Spooner and Warden Blaine Lafler

St. Louis Correctional Facility

Parnall Employees Club Scholarships

The Parnall Correctional Facility Employees Club recently presented college scholarships to 11 graduating seniors of Parnall employees. Each graduating senior received a \$375 scholarship to their selected college.

Winners included: Betsy Adkins, daughter of Officer Mike Adkins; Robert Withrow II, son of secretary Lisa Withrow; Jessica Pack, daughter of Officer Scott Pack; Joshua Sumner, son of Resident Unit Officer David

Sumner; Aaron Krohn, step-son of Officer David Sumner; Megan Gillespie, daughter of Resident Unit Officer Robert Gillespie; Lindsay Graves-Baumann, daughter of Officer John Graves; Charles Sharrer, son of Officer Elizabeth

Sharrer; Erin Richardson, daughter of R.N. Debra Richardson; Shimone Glaspie, daughter of Officer Janice Harris; and Preston Jones, son of psychologist Denise Lavender-Jones.

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Lt. Akkanen earns Citizenship Award



Lt. John Akkanen

Lieutenant John Akkanen, Kinross Correctional Facility, earned the Michigan Department of Corrections Citizenship Award for his exceptional involvement in his community.

Lieutenant Akkanen is a twenty-four year veteran with the Michigan Department of Corrections and is currently working at Kinross Correctional Facility.

Lt. Akkanen is active in the Lions Club, drives Brimley school buses as need and has coached the Brimley High School varsity basketball team for nineteen years

His work on a golf tournament established in memory of a corrections supervisor who died several years ago helps fund exceptional expenses for fellow employees experiencing family emergencies.

“John’s willingness to give of his time and resources has made both Kinross Correctional Facility and our community a better place,” said Warden Linda Metrish. “His demonstrated professionalism reflects the standards encouraged of Michigan Department of Corrections staff.”

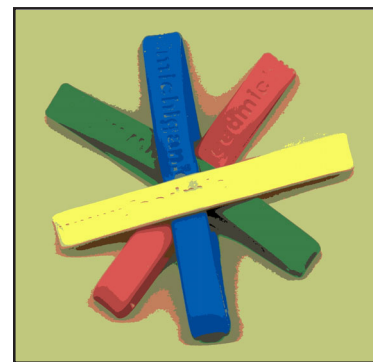
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HARVEST GATHERING RUNS THROUGH NOVEMBER 7

The State Employees Harvest Gathering Campaign started this week and runs through November 7. Every DOC work site has distributed information on the campaign.

A new feature of this year’s campaign is the opportunity to collect a variety of colorful flexible wristbands. Generating funds through the sale of the bands provides the food banks with means to purchase goods through their networks. This can provide five times the groceries per dollar as the average shopper.

“We ask that people think of the Harvest Gathering when they shop and pick up a few extra nonperishable items to donate. Especially needed are proteins such as canned tuna, meats, and peanut butter,” said Wendy Hart, MDOC Harvest Gathering coordinator. “These items can be stretched to make meals and provide important nutrition. Of course any and all donations are greatly appreciated and wisely used.”

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